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## **Annual Combined College Graduation Ceremony**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – The Colleges of Truman Education Center will host the 28th Annual Combined College Graduation Ceremony at 1 p.m. Saturday at Nutter Field House.

The event will result in the conferment of degrees for students from five different schools both in the graduate and undergraduate categories. Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith, Maneuver Support Center and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, is scheduled to welcome guests and the commencement speaker will be Dr. Suzanne Discenza of Park University. Lula Mae (Luge) Hardman, Waynesville mayor, will serve as master of ceremony.

“The colleges and universities of the Truman Education Center host the Combined College graduation Ceremony one time per year to combine and maximize resources,” said Aaron Williams, Webster University director.

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“All of the colleges working together to execute this celebration culminates in a grand ceremony in order to provide our Fort Leonard Wood student military members, their dependents and Fort Leonard Wood Civil Service students with a graduation that they deserve. It is a very special event because 3/4 of our students are Soldiers and their dependents,” Williams said.

For a complete listing of students who will be recognized at the ceremony, visit

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Editor’s note: Story by Derek Gean, Fort Leonard Wood GUIDON community editor

### *About Fort Leonard Wood*

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*Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains 80-90,000 military and civilians each year.*

*Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command’s U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army’s largest Non Commissioned Officers Academy.*

*Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.*

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